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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Martin John Hofmann
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PACKING
CHROMATOGRAPHY COLUMNS AND
CHROMATOGRAPHY COLUMN
Docket No.: 34516

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified
patent application, it is requested that the following
amendments be made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1 3. (amended) Chromatography process according to
2 claim 1, comprising monitoring the attenuation of the
3 transmitted signal.

A 1 4. (amended) Chromatography process according to
2 claim 1, comprising said ultrasound signal transmission
3 through the bed space during packing of the particulate
4 medium into the bed space via a port in the wall of the
5 column housing, as a pumped slurry.
